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THE VOLUNTARY EVACUATION SCHEME.

A topic which has been recently much discussed is the new Voluntary Evacuation Scheme which is now being compiled by the Ministry of Health.

During January a circular was sent to the local Councils of nearly all parts of England except Greater London, asking them to make a census of all the spare rooms which will be available for occupation by the millions of evacuees who will be sent from London to other parts of the country if England should become involved in a war.

NO EXTRA STAFFS.

The Councils are asked to send in their returns by February 28th, a task which, I imagine, will throw much extra work on their staffs. For they

are not expected to employ additional clerks to cope with the returns or obtain the information required. The Minister of Health has suggested that people experienced in social service, such as teachers, school attendance officers, sanitary inspectors and health visitors, should be asked to give their services voluntarily in calling from house to house.

And in no case will such callers have the right to enter a house in order to see for themselves what accommodation there is. They must, if possible, obtain their information by discretion and tact, and cases where difficulties cannot be overcome and no particulars obtained will be noted and reserved for further consideration.

ACCOMPANIED BY MOTHERS.

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It was at first anticipated that some 3,000,000 people would be evacuated from London if the necessity arose, but it is now thought that the number will not be so great. Many people will have to remain in London to carry on with their work.

MIXED FEELINGS.

The announcement of this scheme has been met by many people with mixed feelings. We have always been taught to believe in the past that the Englishman's home is his castle, and many people are stubborn in acknowledging that in the future this may not be so.

They resent the idea of strangers being brought into their homes, using their furniture and of necessity learning much of their private lives. This is especially so among people who have laboured to get together homes of which they are proud and which may get some rough usage and possibly be spoiled.

A BURDEN FOR YEARS.

They point out that such occupation would not be for a week or two, but possibly for years. Most of the burden would fall upon them, for they

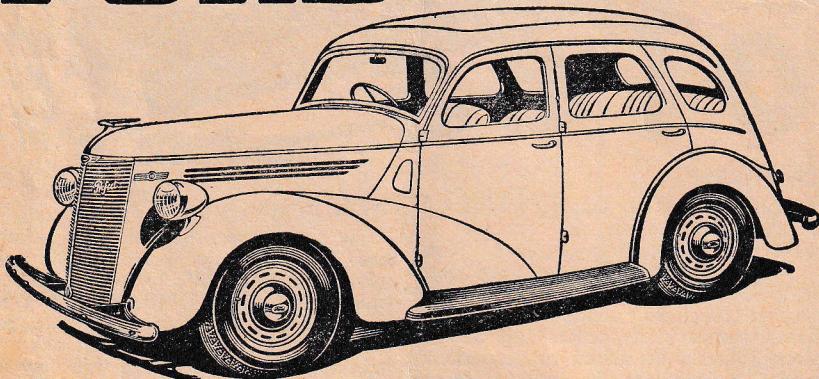
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BEEF-EATERS EXTRAORDINARY

The average Englishman's love of roast meat for dinner does not seem to be diminishing. It is, in fact, increasing, but much of the meat consumed appears to be foreign, if the overseas trade figures issued recently

would still have to pay their rent and rates, they would have to buy new furniture for that broken (if any), and if they were boarding the evacuees they would have the ever-increasing difficulty of buying food and drink, not only for themselves, but for the children as well.

It seems undoubted that if such a scheme is ever brought into force, it must in many cases result in friction and unhappiness. The idea of having strangers who might conceivably be of loose moral character, brought into their homes for an indefinite period, already fills many people with dread and anxiety.

BUT WHAT ELSE?

But what else is there to do? It is held by the Ministry that the construction of special camps would be impracticable. In the first place, about 2,000 would be needed for London children alone. Where, then, are these children to go for safety? Obviously they could not be left in London to face the horrors of incessant bombing from enemy aircraft.

The idea is unthinkable. And, as one person said to me, "If any of us get away with just the loss of a few bits of furniture or having one or two children hoisted on us, we shall be lucky." No! It seems to me that the introduction (I will not say "intrusion") into our homes and private lives of one or more children (of whatever class!) during the time of a great crisis, is something which we must learn to look forward to with equanimity and forbearance. If, unfortunately, a war broke out, greater sacrifices than this would be required.

And after all, it will be no fault of the children that they unwillingly have to leave homes and in many cases parents whom they love. They will probably be more miserable in their new abodes than those who take them in.

SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN.

We who are Christians should think of Christ's words: "Suffer little children to come unto Me." And bearing those words in mind, we should, if the necessity ever arose, resolve to do what we can to make the unwilling evacuees welcome. If they do not come up to our expectations, surely it would be possibly gradually to educate them up to that standard.

But this scheme is, of course, *in futuro*. The necessity for it may never arise; and it must be the fervent hope of all that it never will. But to be prepared is right and proper. The Government are taking the right step!

by the Board of Trade count for anything.

These figures show that during 1938 Britain imported £3,000,000 more in meat than in 1937, the total imports in meat amounting to £93,000,000. In dairy produce the amount imported into Britain during 1938 was £86,000,000 as compared with £79,000,000 in 1937.

In most other commodities the imports declined, especially in grain and flour, raw cotton and cotton waste, wood and timber, and motor cars.

But if imports declined, so did exports and re-exports. Cars exported fell from 53,580 to 44,130, cotton yarns and manufactures declined by £18,834,335, and woollen and worsted yarns and manufactures by £8,687,091. Increased exports included machinery, £8,166,003, and vehicles, such as locomotives, aircraft and ships, £4,715,998.

The total imports into Britain for 1937 amounted to £920,437,586, as compared with £1,027,824,428 in 1937; and exports for 1938 were £470,883,489 against £521,391,494 for 1937.

One important factor disclosed was that the number of cars imported into Britain is decreasing. In 1937, 18,034 cars were imported, but in 1938 the number was 10,242, nearly 8,000 less.

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KNOW-ALL HORSHAM.

"O, wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oursels as others see us," wrote Robert Burns a hundred and fifty years ago. And that axiom holds as true to-day as it must have been then. The other day I was talking to a newcomer to Horsham, who surprised me by saying:—

"This town makes me sick. It is just the same sort of town as most others, but you haven't got to be here five minutes to see that everyone thinks it's the most wonderful place in the world."

"The people here think they know everything. You can't tell them a thing. If you suggest anything to anybody, he immediately says, 'Oh, we don't do it like that here. We've got a better way of doing it.'

"Wherever you go, whoever you talk to, there is always the veiled inference that Horsham is better than anywhere else. 'Know-all' Horsham would be a good name for this town. Why don't you say you're as good as London and have done with it?"

Well, I ask you! It is, perhaps, a salutary thing to see ourselves as others see us, especially if those others are strangers who can weigh us up without bias or prejudice. But there's the rub! Without bias or prejudice!

I cannot but think that my friend was perhaps a little bit prejudiced, for some reason or other. Many people, going from one town to another, feel a bit of a bias against their new abode. They involuntarily compare it with the town in which they have lived and to which they are accustomed, and often the result is not favourable.

One sometimes hears a newcomer

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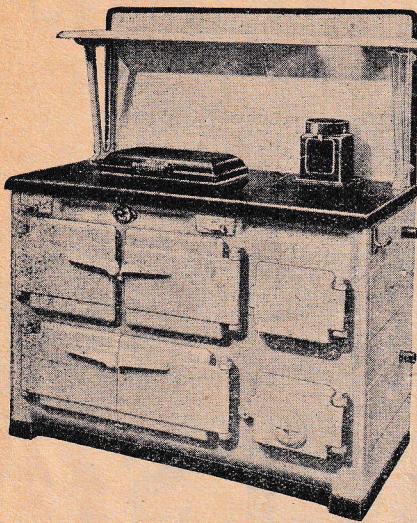
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say, "Oh, where I was before we did it in such-and-such a way." And if the reply is, "Well, you aren't there now, and here we do it so-and-so," he is inclined to feel a little resentful.

Because, after all, perhaps his way of doing the job is better. We can live and learn; and to lend a ready ear to other people's suggestions not only shows the open, broad mind, it may result in our learning something new and useful.

But custom dies hard. And if a man has done his job in a certain way during most of his life, he is not so easily persuaded to do it in another until he is sure the new way is better. But because he refuses to change should not be a reason for calling him a "know-all."

Perhaps Horsham is something like that. In some respects it is a conservative town, and its inhabitants go their own ways, satisfied for the most part that the way they do things is the best. And possibly it is. But they also try to preserve the open mind, as is proved by the allowing of Sunday games and Sunday cinemas, and other modern aspects.

Meantime, whether it follows its own ways or seeks ideas from others, the town thrives and improves and grows. It is not London, and no one is fool enough to think it is. As an old Horsham inhabitant said to me once, "What takes the first prize in Horsham is last in London." And this also may and yet may not be true. Alfred Shrubb, the great runner, was first in Horsham and first anywhere else he happened to go.

But is Horsham really "know-all"? I should like to hear readers' opinions.

* * * A HORSHAM ARTIST.

I was interested to hear that a picture by Mr. C. F. Taylor, recently exhibited by the Pastel Society at the Royal Institute of Painters, was sold to a London doctor soon after the opening of the exhibition.

Mr. Taylor became interested in his hobby about six years ago, and received his first instruction from a six-penny book lent to him, I remember, by me. At that time he had little idea of drawing and painting, but a growing interest in art, coupled with assiduous practice and study, worked wonders, and it was not long before his paintings were accepted for the Sussex Artists' yearly exhibition; some of them finding a home as far away as South America.

Last year he turned to pastels and has made remarkable progress in this medium. Most of his knowledge has been gained from books on art, of which he has a large collection. "If a book tells me one thing I did not know," he told me once, "it has been worth the reading."

Mr. Taylor's pictures are mostly landscapes. He makes pencil sketches of the selected scene, coupled with notes in artist's "shorthand," which are then worked out at home, after

much thought and quite often disappointment.

Correspondence.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I agree with the suggestion in last month's "Horsham Journal" that Lintott's site should have been kept open for enlarging Carfax, e.g., by car park. It would pay itself directly and indirectly in 10-20 years.

Horsham.

S. E. WINBOLT.

The Hire-Purchase Act, 1938

The above Act came into force on January 1st, 1939, and deals with agreements under which the purchase price or total purchase prices (if more than one article is bought) does not exceed £50 if it relates to motor vehicles or railway rolling stock; £500 if it relates to live stock, such as cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, &c.; or £100 in any other case.

The Act is headed "An Act to amend the law with respect to hire-purchase and sale upon credit of goods, and the law of distress in relation thereto."

A hire-purchase agreement is an agreement under which goods are delivered to a person for a temporary purpose, with a provision that if the stipulated number of payments are made the goods become the absolute property of the hirer, who must have the power to return such goods at any time previous to the completion of the payments.

A credit-sale agreement is defined in the Act as an agreement for the sale of goods under which the purchase money is payable by five or more instalments.

The main essential of a hire-purchase agreement is the power of the hirer to terminate the agreement at any time before the final instalment falls due. Under the new Act any clause purporting to restrict or nullify this power will be void, but the hirer who returns his goods is to be liable for certain further payments under his agreement, and if he has not taken reasonable care of the goods he will be liable for damages as well.

In the future the seller of the goods must inform the buyer in writing the price for which such goods may be had for cash, so that the buyer may see the difference between such cash price and the price he will have to pay under his hire-purchase agreement. For this purpose it will be sufficient if the goods are marked with priced tickets, or the prices are inserted in a catalogue handed to the buyer before the agreement is signed.

The Act also seeks to do away with a practice sometimes exercised by door-to-door canvassers of signing the names of the customers on orders for

goods, and afterwards declaring that such customers authorised them to do so. In future all orders for goods purchased in this way must be personally signed by the customer, and not by anyone claiming to have authority to sign in the customer's name.

The Territorial Contests.

Every winter Horsham has one bright evening of boxing, when the Territorial Army Boxing Championships (Sussex County Group) are held at the Drill Hall. This year the contests were held on 21st January, and the show was one of the most exhilarating I have seen there.

The Championships included all weights from fly to heavy, and with the special contests some twenty fights were seen. If some of them lacked much science, most were exciting, for these Territorials go all out for a knock-out from the first gong of the bell.

Five units were competing, the 57th (H.C.) Field Regiment, 44th Div. Royal Engineers, 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment, 58th (Sussex) Field Regiment, and No. 2 Coy., 44th Div. Signals. The 4th Royal Sussex Regiment won the Challenge Cup with 16 points, and they were easy winners.

The two quickest knock-outs were obtained by L/Cpl. Rumble (4th Royal Sussex Regt.) in the heavy-weight section. In his first fight he knocked out Sapper Ward in 15 seconds, and in the final he floored Sig. Blair in 5 secs. So far as could be seen, Rumble boxes with the skill and aplomb of a professional fighter, and in addition he

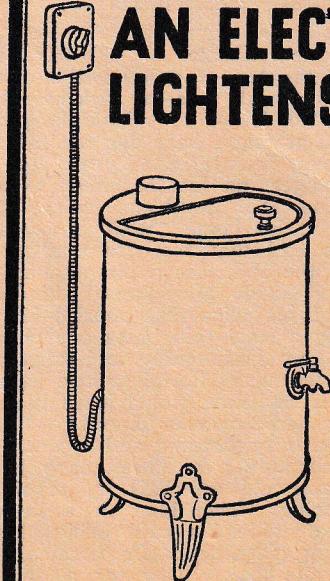
seems to possess a devastating punch. It would be interesting to see him tried out against a good man.

One of the surprises of the evening occurred in the final of the light-weight section, between Pte. Casey (4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.) and Gunner Lisher (57th Field Regt.). Both had won their qualifying bouts, but Casey was the favourite for the final. He began the first round with confidence, trying for a knock-out, but his opponent had other ideas, and towards the end of the round Casey was sent on his back. Rising just in time, it was obvious he was all at sea, and the bell came to end some desperately anxious moments. In the second round Casey had recovered, but he treated his opponent with much more care. "Go on, Casey, case him up," yelled a supporter, and, probably inspired, Casey did so, with a hard punch to the solar plexus. No one, I imagine, was more relieved than Casey to see his opponent "down and out."

One of the officers' bouts provided a good contest, in which 2nd Lieut. J. M. Drage, the smaller man, knocked out 2nd Lieut. A. MacLean in the middle-weight competition. This was one of the gamiest fights of the evening, and put the crowd in a rare good humour.

The onlookers, as usual, provided their quota of humour. One of the boxers who possessed a peculiar crouch and rather grimacing face, was called "Lon Chaney." Boxers with long hair (and it is peculiar that many men go into the ring with long hair which flops over their eyes), brought cries of "Get y'r hair cut."

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The prizes were presented by Major-Gen. E. A. Osborne, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding 44th Division.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

According to ancient legend, a priest named Valentine, living in the third century, deserted his faith and endeavoured to set up a doctrine in which gods and goddesses were substituted for the Trinity. He was martyred near Rome on February 14th, in the year 270.

The custom of sending love tokens on Valentine's Day is said to have emanated from the ancient practice in Rome of boys drawing the names of girls by lot on February 14th, in honour of the goddess Juno. This was in preparation for the Roman Festival of Lupercalia, held on the next day, February 15th, in honour of the god Lupercus. The festival was pastoral, and had for its theme the fruitfulness of nature.

NATURE DIARY.

Notwithstanding the heavy fall of snow in December, or perhaps because of it, snowdrops and crocuses are as forward this year as usual. Early snowdrops are already in flower, and

the yellow and white crocus flowers should soon be seen.

The crocus is one of the favourite Spring flowers in this country, but it is not a true native of Britain. It grows wild in Western Asia and the Alps, and was introduced into England in 1605.

From the middle of January the chorus of the birds has been growing in volume. It is not at its full yet, but every morning one hears their trilling growing stronger and stronger.

The thrushes are among the first birds to build their nests, beginning in February or even earlier if the weather is mild. They build in thick bushes, in woods, evergreens and even among bushes and undergrowth on banks.

Their nests externally are composed of bent twigs, grass and moss interwoven, and internally are plastered with a thin, waterproof coating of rotten wood cemented by glutinous saliva. Moss may also be used.

The "clutch" usually numbers five, and the eggs are blue in colour, usually with black or brown spots.

I should like to print a Nature Diary month by month, and readers are invited to send in letters dealing with nature subjects. When did you see your first primrose, cuckoo, new nest? Do you think the starling is a pest? Should the little owl be condemned? Please address your letters to Mr. E. A. Adams, "Parkdene," Springfield Crescent, Horsham, Sussex.

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Ansell's Armchair.

A Story of a Horsham Antiquary.

By S. E. WINBOLT.

I remember Thomas Ansell well. He lived at the top of a hill within the Horsham Rural area—a dark-haired, long-headed fellow of middle height, just such as might have dug out flints on Cissbury four thousand years ago.

A stranger, no less a person than Police-Constable Smithson, called on Thomas at his home. Well, it was a relief to find that the visit was unofficial: the P.C. was a bit of a collector. Would Mr. Ansell kindly identify three coins that puzzled him, especially a small thin brass one with rosettes on both sides and almost illegible legends? Certainly he'd have a shot, if Smithson would leave them to be pondered over at leisure.

After a busy morning and a consoling lunch, at 2 p.m. Ansell drew his comfortable old armchair up to the fire, placing beside him on a little occasional table his coin books, his magnifying glass, the P.C.'s three coins and a note-book. Now for a quiet half-hour over a pipe and an attempt to solve the problems proposed by the friendly enemy of thieves and tricksters.

The first one he fingered was the intriguing little brass. Scarcely had he

grinned it by its tenuous edges when it slipped from between his forefinger and thumb and fell on his chest between the folds of his ample woolen pull-over, and slid away somewhere into the unknown. With left hand and right he felt for it. He stood up and shook himself like a canary in its bath, but neither saw nor heard anything fall. "Drat the thing! Very awkward," he exclaimed. Regardless of digestion, down he went on his knees, with flat palms patting the neighbouring carpet and rugs, lifting their edges and peering under them—all to no purpose. The diabolical trifles eluded him. This was no after-lunch exercise for a portly man, and he was getting rattled. Then he fell to turning out every likely and unlikely pocket: he must leave no pocket unturned. Pence and small silver, pocket-knife, lead pencil, watch, fountain pen, pocket-book—these and many more intimate *personalia* soon lay on the table. But no brass. Do you remember Belloc's "Postmaster-General"; how he and the villain searched again and again in all conceivable places for the incriminating document? "Confound it. What a silly thing to happen!" Next, Ansell went upstairs to his bedroom, and, bitter cold afternoon as it was, took off every shred of clothing. Still all in vain.

Like most archaeologists he was tenacious. With a warning sneeze, down he came again for an out-and-out investigation of the old armchair. After all, this was in his line: trowel and sieve by a neolithic spoil-heap, or dredging a Roman drain. With his fat hands he probed along, the pinching sides and back of the seat upholstery. Deep down, just as far as fingers would reach, he came on long-hidden treasure—a new 'Royal Sovereign' lead pencil just sharpened, a shilling, a metal nail-file, a Roman consular denarius, and a pygmy flint, one of some hundreds he had examined two years ago in that same chair. But in the lining beside the wooden upright supporting the arm was a hole his fingers could not fathom, and from it the canvas bottom sloped away to the centre where coiled springs lurked. "That's where that beastly little brass has got to, taking my credit with it. Must I break up my old chair for the sake of a paltry coin?"

The tea gong sounded. "So help me the Great Dinosaurus, it's 4.15! What an afternoon!" Poor obliging Ansell had had a shaking, but now perforce he gave it up. The disappearance of the brass would be a lame sort of story for a P.C., and moreover he had failed to make head or tail of the surviving two. Never again would he examine other people's coins when taking it easy in the old armchair.

P.S.—The coin was eventually found. Where, do you think? See answer on page 9.

**The Case
for Road Transport.**

By GASTON VINCENT.

Public Relations Officer: British Road Federation.

After the War, in 1920 and the years following, a discussion arose about the competition between an "uncontrolled" road haulage industry with a "controlled" railway system. The chief complaints against the road haulage industry concerned hours of work, wages and conditions; speed limits, mechanical fitness of vehicles, lack of third party insurance; inequality of taxation; and the lack of control, either of the number of vehicles on the roads or of the rates charged.

To-day, all but one of these complaints have been remedied (to such an extent indeed, that the remedies have themselves become matters of complaint). During the past year, at the request of the Government and at the instance of the railways, a Liaison Committee on road transport rates has been working to build up a road rates structure with the object of removing the last complaint and putting road and rail as far as possible on the same footing. Now, with the road industry on the verge of establishing a road rates structure, the railways demand the removal of their rates structure. They appear to desire to put themselves in the position of freedom from control which they found so intolerable in the case of their competitors.

If the railways are to be free and the roads controlled, what is going to happen? First of all the railways have given no indication of how they intend to use their freedom. They must intend to change their rates, if not generally, at least to an extent sufficiently important for them to have launched the present campaign. They may intend to increase their rates at once, or to reduce their rates so as to kill road transport and then to establish a monopoly, or they may intend to discriminate between traders by increasing some rates and reducing others. Even before they had annihilated the competition of roads, they would be able to exercise their powers of monopoly by refusing to take traffic except at prohibitive charges from those traders who persisted in using the roads or other means of transport than the railways.

The granting of the railway claims will materially affect their position as common carriers. It is understood that the railways suggest that their obligation to accept goods should remain, but this obligation becomes largely illusory if the railway companies have power to make what charges they choose in respect of traffic they may not wish to handle.

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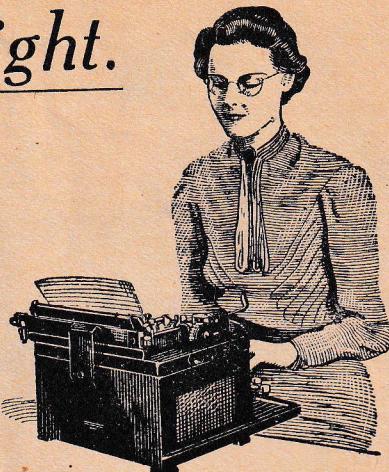
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If the railways are to be freed of their restrictions, there are certain amendments to the existing law affecting the road haulage industry which will become doubly necessary now. If an independent road haulage industry is to survive, if there is to be freedom for all and not for the railways only, if the trader is to retain his freedom to choose the means of transport he desires, and if we do not intend to have an uncontrolled monopoly, the most urgent amendment required is that the right of the railways to object to the granting of "A" and "B" licences should be confined to objections relating to breaches of the law. Generally, a road haulier who has observed the conditions of his licence should have it automatically renewed. If existing road hauliers are forced off the roads by the railways, licences should be granted to new hauliers to maintain the present choice of transport. A haulier who wishes to put another vehicle on the road, or to use less vehicles, should be able to do so without undue difficulty. He should not have to disclose details of his business to his competitors when he appears in the Licensing Courts.

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The British Road Federation has no wish to stand in the way of the removal of any reasonable grievances the railways may have, but would point out that, if the railways' restrictions were to be relaxed while the present legal enactments by which the road haulage industry is controlled remained unchanged, the result might well be the disappearance of an independent road haulage industry and the re-establishment of a railway monopoly of inland transport, which would deprive the trader of effective freedom of choice of facilities, and diminish the ability of the transport system as a whole adequately to cope with the problems which would arise in the event of a national emergency. If, however, the removal of restrictions should be undertaken, it is essential that it should proceed *pari passu* for road and rail alike. Any unilateral removal of railway restrictions might well prove disastrous.

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By

ROBERT BLATCHFORD

"What we have to do," said Professor Getliffe, turning his pale, thoughtful face toward his aged and goat-like companion, "is to postulate a working political theory with an ethical conception as motive power. Until we do—"

Sir Thomas Foramin, stroking his long grey beard and with his weak moist eyes glaring through the round windows of his glasses, cut in with: "Ethical conception? Come off the roof. How could you drive an ethical conception into the Piltdown skull? What you must do, boy, is lie doggo in Nature's laboratory and not monkey with fragile retorts and dangerous gases."

The waitress, soft, beautiful, with transparent skin, massed black hair and melting brown eyes, gently insinuated tea and cakes between the talkers and vanished noiselessly. Neither of the scientific gentlemen noticed her in any way. Getliffe, playing with a spoon, replied to the attack of Sir Thomas. "Do we know whether Piltdown was a branch or a stem? What about the phenomenal cranial capacity of the Cromagnards?"

"Ha!" said Sir Thomas, putting his elbow on the cake and flicking cigarette ash into his tea, "the Cromagnards. An interesting and—er—extinct race. Probably died of an ethical conception or were wiped out by a more virile and prothathous tribe."

"In fact, professor, you are asking me," said Getliffe, "to agree that matter will always conquer mind."

"Not at all; not at all"—Sir Thomas became aware of the cake and brushed his elbow—"but do not anticipate; do not try to hustle the sun. You cannot teach pigs to grunt sonatas. Now—"

"But, professor," Getliffe broke in eagerly, "we cannot afford to wait a few aeons while our opportunist statesmen evolve a soul. The country is fast developing pathological symptoms. Are we to abandon the public to empiricists?"

"My dear boy," said Sir Thomas, "if you play politics, play the game; and don't forget your gas-mask. It's a smelly game; but it is governed by simple laws. Then play it simply. It's no use attempting organ fugues on a banjo."

"Very well," said Getliffe, "I see what you mean. Let us then take a hand in the political chicanery; but let us play on the side of the angels. What I advocate is the scientific method with an ethical purpose. We are agreed that the Government lack vision. We are agreed that the democracy must be educated. Now, I have faith in the Bush-Waterlon theorem—"

Sir Thomas slowly shook his head.

"No, no," he protested, "a simple slogan that the crowd could yodel: 'Damn the Mandarins,' or 'Inskip must go!'"

"Who is he?" asked the auburn waitress of the pretty one, "the young man, I mean."

She of the melting eyes glanced across the room at the young professor. "I don't know his name," she said, "he often comes here. Such a nice feller; but I do feel sorry for him."

"Sorry for him?" said the auburn girl. "Why?"

"Oh, I dunno," said sweet-eyes, "I always feel that he needs somebody to take care of him."

CAN HORSHAM MAKE UP
LEEWAY?

During the last month Horsham has been making tremendous headway in the Sussex County League, and from being somewhere in the middle of the League table they are, at the time of writing these notes, third from the top, Worthing and Southwick respectively occupying the first and second places.

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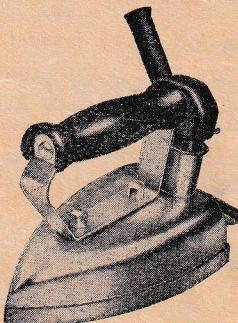
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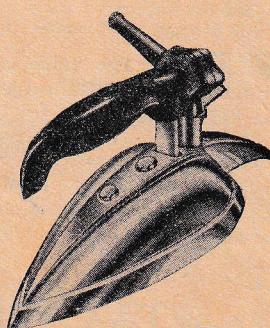
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for 11. The only match that Worthing has lost so far is the one in which they were beaten by Horsham on the Queen Street ground. Southwick have to play Horsham, and Worthing and Southwick have to play each other, and the results of these games may well completely reverse the positions of the three top teams.

On their present form Horsham will, I think, beat Southwick at Horsham, and it should be a game worth seeing. The result of the pending match at Southwick is not so sure, for the Southwickians are now very strong, as is evidenced by their recent victory over Hayes. Horsham, however, have not yet forgotten the clash at the end of last season on the Goldstone ground at Hove, and with the goal-scoring forward line which now seems to be combining so well they should stand a good chance of winning.

George Cox, after playing somewhat indifferently during his first few matches with Horsham, now seems to have got well into his stride, and he must head the list of goal-scorers in the League. Broadley has shown during the last few weeks that he is as brilliant as ever, and with Browning, Ellis and Denman in splendid form, Horsham's forward line is one of the most dangerous in Sussex football.

The defence, too, is just as strong. Hoad, in goal, has improved very much since he became Horsham's custodian, and his goal-keeping this season has been above the average. Meyer, perhaps, is the most virile back, and Cope is a tower of strength at centre-half. Ragless is strong and tackles well, and Burdfield and Harmer are speedy. With such a defence it is no wonder that only 21 goals have been scored against Horsham in 13 matches. Not a bad team, all told!

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Bot of Henry Griffith. July 3d: 1718.

		£	s.	d.
5 lb Hopps	0	6	8
10. 5 ditto	0	7	0
Augt. 20. 4 ditto	0	6	0
		£0	19	8

Augt. 30th: 1718. Recd of Mr. Sawyers
ye full Contents of this bill and all
Accts. H. Griffith.

		1721.
Sept. 6 for leag of mutton 5 pound half	1	3
7 for sholder of mutton 5 pound	1	0
8 for leag and sholdr and neck of mutton 14 pound half	2	11
9 for leag line and sholdrer of mutton 15 pound... 3 10 for sweet breads	0	6
11 for leag of veall 11 pound half	3	1
	11	9

Sept 28 Reseved the full contents of
this bill by me Ann Waller.

The Right Honrlb Lady Viscountess
Irwin.

		Bought of Jos: Guilford 1722. £ s. d.
Sept: 28: 1 ps of Stript Holl	37/	1 17 0
Oct: 11: 10 ells of yd wd Garlix		
1 ps Manchester fillit- ing	0	01 9
½ thousand double Corkin pins	0	01 0
4 yds of printed linnin at 2/	0	08 0
	4	02 9

Oct. 20: 1722 Recd the full of this bill
and all accounts by me Jos. Guilford.

The Honl: Henry Ingram Esqrs Bill
Augst 1722.

ye 4 for a Dosson of Claret	1	4	0
ye 9 for a Bottel of white wine	0	2	0
ye 12 for a Dosson of Claret	1	4	0
ye 18 for a Dosson of Claret	1	4	0
ye 24 for a Dosson of Claret	1	4	0
	4	18	0

Augst ye 24 Receiv'd the full Content
of this bill by me

due more Henry Groombridge.

		Augst	
ye 27 for a dosson of Claret...	1	4	0
ye 28 a bottel of white wine...	0	2	0
ye 29 a bottel of Sake	0	2	6
ye 31 for a dosson of Claret...	1	4	0

The Lady Irwin.

		Bought of John Pilfold. £ s. d.
6 Doz: of Corks at 2½d.	00	01 3
A Bottell of fine oyl ...	00	03 0
9th 5 lb ve very Best Hopps	00	05 0
11th 2 ounces Stone Endico...	00	00 8
16th Pack Salt	00	01 6
6 lb Powder Sugar at 8d.	00	04 0
6 lb Currans	00	03 0
3 quire wt Bro: paper...	00	00 4
2 ounces stone Endico...	00	00 8
18th 5 lb Best Hopps	00	05 0

19th	1 quart wine-Egr (?) ...	00 00 6
21st	2 ounces Nutmegs	00 02 0
23rd	1 pack Salt	00 01 6
	10 ounces Stone Endico	00 03 4
	A Hair cloath and thread	00 01 6
24th	36 lb Best Soft Sope at 7d.	01 01 0
	2 ounces Blue Starch ...	00 00 2
	1 lb white ditto	00 00 6
26th	1 gross best corks	00 02 6
		£02 01 5

6 pounds $\frac{1}{4}$ of Supr Dub Shuger	00 08 4
6 lb of Currants	00 03 0
2 (?) of wt paper	00 01 0
1 quier of paper	00 00 3
6 pounds of shuger	00 04 0
	£03 14 0

Recd Octr: 31st: 1722 of ye Lady Irwin
ye sume of three Pounds forten
Shillings in full of this Bill and all
Accounts by me Jno. Pilfold.

The Rite Honle: Lord Viscount Irwin.
Bought of Jno. Pilfold.

Augt.: 10th: 1723.	£	s.	d.
1 bushell of Salt	0	6	0
$\frac{1}{4}$ pound of fine Purnella Salt	0	1	4
12 pounds of Shuger 8d.	0	8	0
6 pounds of Rasons	0	3	0
6 pounds of Currants	0	3	0
2 pounds of Black Peper	0	8	0
$\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of Maise	0	8	0
$\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of Nutmigs	0	4	0
(?) Fircken of ye Best Sope... 8	0	18	8
(To be continued.)	£03 00	0	0

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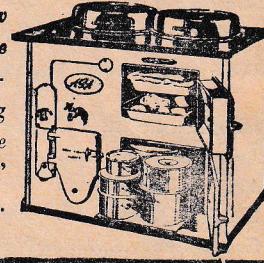
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landing on his head, knew no more for the time being.

When, later, his split brain regained its consciousness, the groans of wounded men and the screaming of shattered horses created a Bedlam of unearthly noises around him. Weakly staring about, he saw the heaps of dead and dying. He saw a charnel field; a shambles; an infernal diabolical chaos; where men and animals rolled and moaned and screamed in unbearable anguish; where riderless horses galloped madly; where crazy men, suddenly stricken, mouthed the strange cries and words of insanity, and raced and staggered through the smoky gloom like the maniacs they had just become.

Brady's brain was dim. He saw and heard all as in a dream, a nightmare. His head ached; dully at times, then with vibrating throbbing gusts. Sometimes his vision cleared, then clouded. He became conscious of something within his skull, knocking from side to side. It was just as though a pendulum swung, backwards and forwards, banging with dreadful blows upon its bony prison-walls. It was like a marble in a tin-can, clanging round and round the hollow enclosure.

He moved a little, as if to shift would make the marble drop to the bottom. But no! Faster and faster it seemed to go, racing round like life, seeming to bang against his head with vibrating thuds. A searing pain now ran through his brain. Red fire sprang up before his sight. Ghastly red mists swam before him. Then overwhelming blackness fell. He fainted.

Presently he awoke again. He could think quite clearly now. He could bear the blasting moans of the shells as they screamed along, rushing with a droning roar through the air on their wingless errands of death above him. His head ached dully, but the banging had gone. He put his hand to his forehead. It felt on fire. His hair hung limp, damp, wet. Feeling higher along his scalp, he gingerly fingered the raw wound. It was bruised and broken. Softly though his fingers moved, every touch causing him agony.

Suddenly he started violently. His fingers had touched the broken bone. He found his skull was smashed, leaving an open fissure. The split skin, loose and cold, still covered with lank, blood-caked hair, drooped in the little chasm, or fell back from the sides. His fingers persisted in touching the edge of the bone. It was jagged and sharp; it grated. Every movement made him sweat profusely; yet he could not resist. Suddenly his finger touched some pulpy substance, and he hissed in sudden renewed agony.

The pain drew away his strength. His hand fell limply to his side, and his head sagged on to his chest. His throat was harsh and dry. It felt as though something were inside, continually tickling it; making him cough violently in every little space of time. A great thirst seized him. Dimness

again came upon him, and red and black mists revolved slowly before his eyes. His stomach retched strongly, and he vomited, with choked, strangled moans.

"Lord, give me water." The words came faintly from his lips, and, as if in answer to his plea, a movement came from a man who had been lying silent near him. Naylor raised himself on one elbow, looking at Brady. Then, raising himself higher, he eased out his water-bottle from its trappings and edged towards his sick comrade, his right leg trailing uselessly behind him. It was shattered.

Brady opened his eyes, gazing unseeingly at the other's face. Slowly the mists cleared.

"Is that you, Naylor?" he asked, weakly. "Give me some water."

Naylor raised the bottle while Brady drank. Then, "Feeling better?" he asked.

"Yes, thanks," said Brady. He lay still for a moment, breathing heavily, eyes closed.

"This is hospital for me," he said at last. "I'm done."

He sank lower and lay inertly, his eyes closed. Suddenly he spoke again.

"Naylor," he said "what about that money you owe me? You know, what I won at nap last night. I shall want that in 'dock'."

"All right," said Naylor. "I'm going there, too. I'll pay you there."

"No, now. Let's have it now." Brady laughed, harshly. "Our hospitals might be different," he added.

"Oh, all right," said Naylor. With infinite caution he felt in his pocket and drew forth some money, handing it to the other.

"There you are," he said.

"Good," breathed Brady, sinking lower to the ground. "Thanks. I shouldn't ask, only—"

He paused. With eyes shut, he breathed stertorously. He felt strangely queer. The pendulum recommenced its hellish knocking, and the red mists floated again. Everything had become dim. Vaguely, he felt as though something were about to happen. Slowly, with great effort, he raised his hand, passing the coins back to Naylor.

"Thanks," he whispered. "But you keep them. I—shall—"

He paused again. Then, as his head sagged back loosely, he murmured:

"I—shan't—want—them—after—all."

His hands slid to the ground. With a sobbing sound, his whole body relaxed. The sounds of strife passed from his ears.

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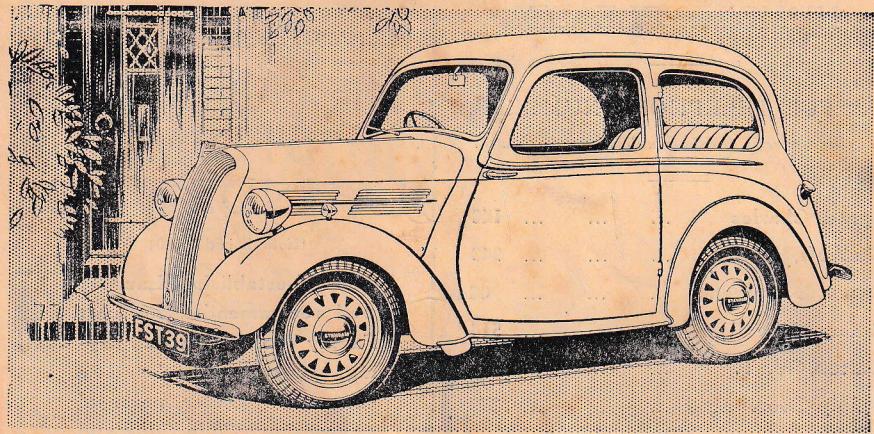
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